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The examiner acknowledges receipt of a "Change of Address/Power of Attorney" Request on March 31, 2003. The Request has been entered into the file wrapper.

This application is presently suspended pending the outcome of Reexamination 90/006,597. The outcome of Reexamination No. 90/006,597 has a material bearing on the patentability of the claims disclosed in this application.

Prosecution on this application is **SUSPENDED** pending a final judgement of the cited reexamination. Applicant should call this case up for action upon termination of the Reexamination proceedings.

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